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Examining Group 1645
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AMENDMENTS TO THE CLAIMS

This listing of claims will replace all prior versions, and listings, of claims in the application:

Listing of Claims

Claims 1-22 (Cancelled).

Claim 23 (Currently Amended): A process for preparing an agglutination reagent for detecting typhoid comprising:

(a) preparing an ~~antibody~~ a plurality of antibodies specific to a Flagellin gene of *Salmonella* typhi;

(b) preparing a latex particle suspension; and

(c) coating a plurality of latex particles ~~partiele~~ ~~particles~~ with said antibody specific to said Flagellin gene of *Salmonella* typhi;

wherein said antibody specific to the Flagellin gene of *Salmonella* typhi is prepared according to a method comprising:

(i) raising a hyper immune sera against a purified protein encoded by a Flagellin gene specific to *Salmonella* typhi, and

(ii) separating said antibody specific to the Flagellin gene of *Salmonella* typhi from said hyper immune sera;

wherein said latex particle suspension is prepared according to a method consisting essentially of: